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Some Questions and Answers About PARAMOUNT'S WORLD PROOF SET PROGRAM

Paramount's World Proof Set Program, though still in its infancy, has already been accepted and applauded by American and international collectors as an important new area of numismatics. In fact, many of them feel as we do, namely that the field of World Proof Sets is the fastest growing segment of numismatics today. Many thousands of people have taken advantage of the opportunity to obtain beautiful proof coins of foreign countries at OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT ISSUE PRICES. And, after observing the quality of their initial purchase, virtually all of these collectors have repeated their orders thereby providing concrete testimony to both the beauty of the coins and the outstanding value that they offer.

In the seven years since the beginning of the program, more than 375,000 sets have been sold to original purchasers and the number of collectors becoming interested in the program is increasing every day. However, there are still many collectors who have not yet experienced the joys and rewards of collecting World Proof Sets. If you are one of them, perhaps the only thing holding you back so far is an unanswered question about the program. We receive many calls and letters about World Proof Sets everyday and so we have listed below some of the most commonly asked questions. If your question is one of them, we think the answer will help launch you on the most enjoyable numismatic adventure of your collecting career.

1 **QUESTION: Exactly what is a "proof set"?**

ANSWER: A proof set is a set of proof coins, coins that are specially struck for presentation, souvenir, exhibition, or "numismatic purposes". The term "proof" actually refers to the manner in which the coin is made at the mint. A proof coin is struck from specially prepared dies on special planchets (or blanks) which have been highly polished and carefully examined to insure that they are in *perfect condition.* The blanks are fed into the coinage press by hand, one at a time, and are struck *twice* under enormous pressure. They are then handled only with gloved hands (or tongs) and, after again being examined for possible flaws, are individually packaged to prevent them from tarnishing or coming into contact with other coins. This extreme care in minting assures you of coins of the highest quality that the mint is capable of, coins with sharp, clear detail, and immaculate surfaces.

2 **QUESTION: Why do proof sets cost so much more than their face value?**

ANSWER: The answer to the last question pretty much answers this one as well. The time and care required in the minting of proof coins is not without its price. Look at it this way. A hand-made automobile costs a lot more than an assembly line model, doesn't it? The same is true of proof coins.

3 **QUESTION: Why has Paramount's World Proof Set Program been so successful?**

ANSWER: The success of the program has been due to a unique combination of advantages, a combination sadly lacking in many other programs.
First of all, the coins are proof examples of actual "coins of the realm", that is, coins seen in *everyday circulation* in their respective countries. In this very important respect, they are like U. S. or Canadian proof sets and are *not,* in any sense of the word, "fantasy issues". Paramount, in cooperation with the various issuing governments, has also built into the program many safeguards to protect the collector and his investment.

4 **QUESTION: What are the "safeguards" in Paramount's program?**

ANSWER: There are several very important ones. For every set issued, an ordering deadline is established and no orders are accepted after this deadline date. Since the number of orders received before the deadline determines the number of sets minted, there cannot be an excess of sets hanging over the market after the initial distribution. The supply of sets meets the *initial demand only* and occasionally a genuinely rare issue (such as the 1971 6-piece Trinidad-Tobago set) is created. **The sets are sold at the official issue price to EVERYONE; absolutely no dealer or employee discounts are extended.** And since there is a limit placed on the number of sets an individual may order, there is no chance of dealer or investor"stockpiling".

5 **QUESTION: I collect coins for their beauty and interest. What do world proof sets have to offer in this respect?**

ANSWER: All the sets in the World Proof Set Program are notable for both their beauty and historical interest. From the sparkling Starfish Cent of the Bahamas to the massive and mysterious silver Ten Rupees of India, each coin artistically reflects the culture and heritage of its issuing country – whether that country be as ancient as the mountain kingdom of Nepal or as new and dynamic as the island nation of Jamaica. In the entire series there are over 250 different coins, each of which is forever a part of the history of the nation it represents, coins that will be admired by collectors for years to come. Many of the coins are made of sterling silver and all of the sets are packaged in a manner that enhances their beauty.

6 **QUESTION: I'm a beginning collector and find grading coins so confusing. Will I run into this same problem with World Proof Sets?**

ANSWER: Grading is often a source of disagreement even among "experts" and it takes considerable time and effort to become reasonably proficient at it. This is *not* the case with coins in Paramount's World Proof Set Program however. Here, even the beginner is on essentially the same footing with the expert. All the coins are minted to the highest standards possible at famous mints like the U. S. mint in San Francisco, the Royal Mint in London, the Bombay Mint in India, the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa and the Franklin Mint. There's no need to worry whether or not the grading is right: *every* coin is *guaranteed* to be a choice proof with no imperfections.

7 **QUESTION: Is delivery guaranteed on all orders received?**

ANSWER: Not necessarily. Orders postmarked *after* the ordering deadline cannot be accepted. Also, if the number of orders received before the ordering deadline exceeds the production abilities of the mint involved, it may be necessary to reduce or even cancel a small percentage of those orders. To decrease the possibility of this happening, the number of sets from a given country that may be ordered by a single person has been reduced this year from twenty-five sets to five sets. Since orders are accepted on a first-come, first served basis, this reduction will give more people the opportunity to enjoy the fun and profit of collecting World Proof Sets.

8 **QUESTION: When will my proof sets be delivered?**

ANSWER: Generally speaking, 1973 World Proof Sets will be delivered in the latter part of 1973. The exact time, however, depends on a number of factors such as the actual ordering deadline, the quantity of sets to be minted and so forth. Please allow up to four months after the deadline before expecting delivery of your sets. In most cases it will be sooner than this, but delays can occur.

9 **QUESTION: Why does it take so long to receive my sets?**

ANSWER: The government of the issuing country does not place its order with the mint until after the ordering deadline has passed and all the orders have been counted and processed. Then, as we mentioned in our answer to Question 1, the mint exercises the utmost care in striking the coins and this careful process takes time. To be sure, delivery of the sets could be speeded up if less care were taken, or if the sets were struck *before* taking any orders. But less care would sacrifice the quality for which the sets in our program are famous. And striking the sets before taking orders would require guessing at the number of sets that would be sold. If the guess was too high, the unsold quantity of sets could jeopardize your investment. We think you'll agree that it's worth a little extra waiting to be assured of impeccable quality and maximum investment potential.

10 **QUESTION: May I be assured that all future issues will be made available to me?**

ANSWER: The names of all proof set purchasers are placed in a special file and automatically receive notification of all new proof set issues available through this program. Generally speaking, previous customers are advised well in advance of the general public of any new issues or offerings being made, and orders from these preferred customers are given priority over any others received. Proof Set purchasers will also, from time to time, receive progress reports keeping them posted as to the production and delivery of the various proof set issues.

11 **QUESTION: Even though there are ordering deadlines for each issue, is it still possible to acquire sets from previous years?**

ANSWER: In most cases, yes. Paramount realizes that many people who missed the chance to buy previous issues at the official issue price may still want to own one of these sets. Consequently, we strive to maintain an inventory of all previous issues. This stock of previous issues is acquired by *buying back the sets we originally distributed*, at prices that invariably represent a profit to the original purchasers! At the present time, we are able to offer virtually every past issue, though of course, not at original prices. For more information concerning past issues for sale, please turn to page 19.

12 **QUESTION: Suppose I decide to sell my World Proof Sets. Is there a market for them?**

ANSWER: There certainly is. The demand for World Proof sets is growing every day. Many people are anxious to obtain previous issues and are willing to pay well for them. Paramount, in its attempt to maintain a representative stock of all issues, is an aggressive buyer of most past issues. In fact, we have attempted to buy sets of virtually *every* issue at sometime since their initial release. Some sets, like the rare 1971 6-piece sets of Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago and the 1970 Nepal set are already bringing their original purchasers a 100 per cent profit or more! On Page 19, we discuss this subject in more detail.

We hope that we have provided the answers to your questions about Paramount's World Proof Set Program. If you have any other questions, or even if you would just like to chat about the program, please call David W. Akers, collect, at (513) 836-2654.

BAHAMAS

5 DOLLARS – REVERSE

COMMON OBVERSE

2 DOLLARS

25 CENTS

1 DOLLAR

15 CENTS

5 CENTS

50 CENTS

10 CENTS

1 CENT

The 1973 Bahamas proof set contains nine exquisite coins struck in the detailed, frosted relief for which the Franklin Mint is famous. This beautiful set is unusual among modern world proof sets in that it contains four silver coins in a day and age when silver has virtually disappeared from the coinage of most nations!

In 1972, the Bahamas introduced their new coat of arms on their sterling silver $5 coin and the 1973 $5 coin will bear the same elegant design. Although the Bahamas proof set program began in 1969, just four years ago, this beautiful $5 coin is already the *third type* to be issued. Because of collector demand, the 1973 $5 coin is again being made available in specimen uncirculated condition at just $8.75. This is a remarkably low price for such a coin because the face value alone is equivalent to five U.S. dollars!

The beautiful Bahamas $2 coin is one of the world's most famous coins. It has been a mainstay of Bahamian coinage since 1966 and appeared in the first proof set in 1969. Since the establishment of Flamingo Day in 1971, it has been available singly to collectors, in both proof and specimen uncirculated condition, on a one-day-only basis. Part of the proceeds from the sale of these coins goes to the Bahamas National Trust, a conservation group dedicated to preserving the majestic West Indian Flamingo. The 1973 $2 Flamingo coin will again be available this summer on Flamingo Day. Of course, it is also an important part of the 1973 proof set.

In addition to the proof sets, uncirculated specimen sets are also available. These sets contain the same coins as the higher priced proof set, but the coins have a satin-like surface, in contrast to the mirror-like surface of the proof coins. These sets are available at the official issue price of $23.75 each.

The Bahamas proof set is, without a doubt, one of the world's most beautiful sets of coins. Each design is a masterpiece of artistic realism . . . from the delicate dancing flamingos on the $2 coin, to the tiny starfish on the one cent piece.

1973 Bahamas Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 9

Mint: Franklin Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
5 Dollars	45 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
2 Dollars	40 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
1 Dollar	34 mm	Silver (.800 fine)
50 Cents	29 mm	Silver (.800 fine)
25 Cents	24 mm	Nickel
15 Cents	25 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Cents	23 mm	Cupro-Nickel
5 Cents	21 mm	Cupro-Nickel
1 Cent	19 mm	Nickel-Brass

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1969	Royal Mint, London	10,481
1970	Franklin Mint	22,827
1971	Franklin Mint	30,493
1972	Franklin Mint	34,789

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: One Dollar Bahamas = $1.04 U. S.

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $35.00 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)

ISSUE PACKAGING: Plush Presentation Case

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the early part of 1973.

NOTICE: Residents of the Bahamas
The Bahamas Monetary Authority will arrange to accept your orders through its local agents, at the official issue price.

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 1973

Official Issue Price: $35 per set

Although they were discovered quite by accident, the Bahamas are actually the birthplace of the Americas. On a balmy October day in 1492, a daring seaman named Christopher Columbus anchored off an island the natives called Guanahani. Columbus renamed the island San Salvador (literally, "savior") and claimed it for Spain thinking it was part of India. He was completely unaware that he had discovered a vast, new world!

When the news of his momentous discovery reached the Rialto in Venice (the Wall Street of that period), it started a terrible panic among those who had invested in the overland routes to the Far East. Stocks and bonds dropped as much as 50%. . . but Columbus never knew what a stir he had caused in 15th century financial circles!

From the time of their discovery, the Bahamas were destined for notoriety. Controlled by pirates for over 70 years, the islands were the home of the infamous Edward Teach (better known as Blackbeard, the pirate), whose bold raids were a source of constant irritation to French and Spanish shipping. During the American Revolution, these idyllic islands were a Loyalist refuge and, during the Civil War, they served as home base for the daring blockade runners. As recently as the 20th century, these accessible islands served as a bootleggers' outpost during the Prohibition Era.

Although only 20 of the islands are inhabited, the Bahamas are actually a chain of over 700 islands. Stretching from Florida to Haiti, these sun drenched isles blend their extravagant hues with over 800 miles of water to create one of the most beautiful spots in either hemisphere.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

1 DOLLAR

5 DOLLARS – REVERSE

50 CENTS

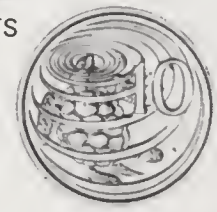
2 DOLLARS

5 DOLLARS – OBVERSE

5 CENTS

25 CENTS

1 CENT



10 CENTS

May 1, 1972 was a big day for the Cayman Islands. On that day, the first four coins of their new national coinage were introduced into general circulation. . . quickly followed by four additional coins, all minted of sterling silver. All of these coins were made available to collectors, for the first time, in the 1972 Cayman Islands Proof Set.

In keeping with their announced plans for a continuing numismatic program for collectors, the Cayman Islands are introducing their 1973 Proof Set. The striking designs of the coins in this set are certain to become classics. A beautiful Cayman Egret flies over an island marsh on the $2 coin while a tiny Thrush perches on a limb on the bronze one cent piece. The Cayman Islands coat-of-arms, with the motto, "He Hath Founded It Upon The Seas", is featured on the 42 millimeter sterling silver $5 coin, and crown collectors will be happy to know that this coin is also available singly this year at the remarkably low price of just $12.75. The 1973 Cayman Islands proof set will be struck at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa thereby assuring you that the quality of the coins will do full justice to the elegant designs they bear.

In addition to their newly established proof set program, the Cayman Islands were also the *first* country to issue coins commemorating the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Although these coins ARE NOT included in the 1973 proof set, they are important to you in that they have focused world-wide attention on the coinage of the Cayman Islands, and you, as a proof set owner, are sure to benefit from this interest! (By the way, these $25 commemorative coins are *still* available and we would be delighted to send you all the details).

1973 Cayman Islands Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 8

MINT: Royal Canadian Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
Five Dollars	42 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
Two Dollars	40 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
One Dollar	35 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
50 Cents	28.5 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
25 Cents	24.26 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Cents	20.9 mm	Cupro-Nickel, clad
5 Cents	18 mm	Cupro-Nickel
1 Cent	17 mm	Bronze

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1972	Royal Canadian Mint	Not Available

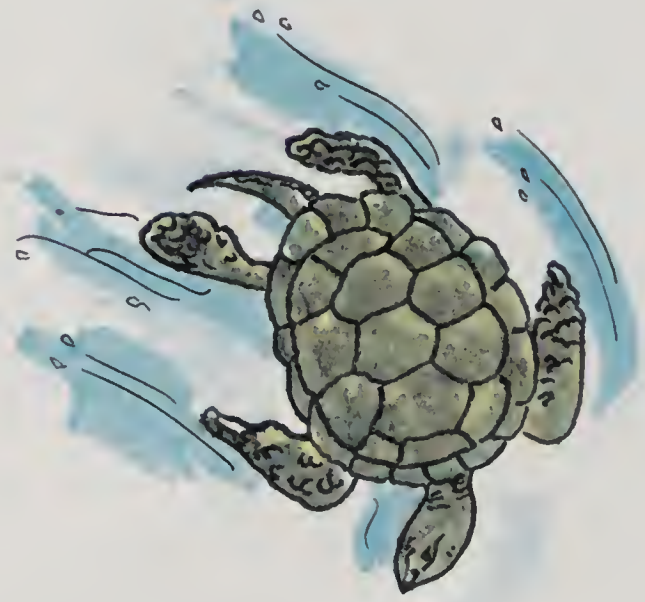
OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: 1 Dollar Cayman Islands = $1.24 U. S.
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $39.00 U. S. (Limit 5 sets per person)
ISSUE PACKAGING: Plush Presentation Case

1973 CAYMAN ISLANDS PROOF FIVE DOLLARS
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $12.75 U. S.

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 1973

Official Issue Price: $39 per set



One of the real beauties of the Cayman Islands is that they are virtually the same today as they were in 1503 when Columbus first saw them rising dream-like from the Caribbean on his voyage to Haiti. His mariner made note of the masses of giant green sea turtles jamming the waters and dubbed the islands "Las Tortugas". . . the turtle islands. Their present name, "Cayman Islands" is actually the result of an early error . . . an explorer saw huge numbers of iguanas on the islands and mistook them for tiny alligators or "caiman"! Historians compounded the error and the name stuck.

It is still the green turtle, however, for which the Cayman Islands are famous. Cayman turtle is considered a gourmet delight around the world and although the massive turtles no longer abound in Cayman waters as they once did, special "turtle farms" have been created to satisfy the world's appetite for this delicacy.

The original inhabitants of the Cayman Islands were a colorful lot. . . pirates, missionaries, debtors, shipwreck survivors. . . all of whom found the Cayman Islands to be a place where they could begin a new life with no questions asked about the past. They have given rise to a sturdy and independent breed and many Cayman Islanders still depend on the sea for their livelihood.

The Cayman Islands are one of the last true tax havens in the modern world. . . a gift from King George III. In 1788, ten British ships were wrecked off Grand Cayman during a terrible storm. The skilled, seafaring Cayman Islanders risked their lives in small rowboats to rescue the passengers and, when the King heard of this heroic feat, he declared that the islands would be forever exempt from paying taxes!

NEPAL

1 RUPEE

25 PAISE

50 PAISE

10 PAISE

5 PAISE

1 PAISA

2 PAISE

The 1973 Nepal proof set has the distinction of being the lowest priced set in Paramount's World Proof Set Program and, judging from the performance of past issues, represents a potentially excellent investment at a very modest price. This is only the fourth year that Nepal has issued proof sets and the 1970 and 1971 sets are already selling at substantial premiums over issue price. In fact, the 1970 set is one of the most popular sets in the entire proof set program (and therefore one of the most difficult for us to buy back from original purchasers).

Nepal's coinage is unique in that it uses the Vikram Samvat calendar which has 57 B.C. as its base date. Consequently, the 1973 coins bear the date 2030! In addition, the Samvat year begins on April 13, known as Navabarsha, the Nepalese New Year. This official holiday is a major Nepalese festival and is celebrated with great enthusiasm . . . much like our own New Year's celebrations in January!

Nepal's mountain setting is emphasized by the striking relief of Mount Everest which appears on three of her coins. In addition, the importance of religion and art in Nepalese tradition is reflected in the delicate symbols depicted on her coins . . . the lotus flower, the trident, the sun and the moon.

Although its "circulation strike" coins are made at Nepal's own mint in Katmandu, the excellent facilities of the United States Mint are utilized in striking Nepal's proof coins, assuring you of top quality coins for your collection!

1973 Nepal Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 7

MINT: United States Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
1 Rupee	27.5 mm	Cupro-Nickel
50 Paise	23.5 mm	Cupro-Nickel
25 Paise	19 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Paise	21 mm	Brass
5 Paise	20.5 mm	Aluminum
2 Paise	18.5 mm	Aluminum
1 Paisa	16.5 mm	Aluminum

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1970	U. S. Mint	2,187
1971	U. S. Mint	2,380
1972	U. S. Mint	3,943

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: One Rupee = $.098 U. S.

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $10.00 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)

ISSUE PACKAGING: Custom Plastic Holder

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 1973

Official Issue Price: $10 per set

Untouched by time, the lofty mountain kingdom of Nepal is the Shangri-la of the modern travel world. From lush, green valleys to snow-capped mountain peaks, Nepal probably has a greater diversity of people, climate, vegetation and wildlife within its 56,000 square miles than any country of comparable size anywhere in the world. Dark forests are stalked by tigers, leopards, rhinos, and elephants . . . colorful birds wing their way amidst orchids, azaleas, poinsettas and rhododendrons. Shimmering pagodas bearing exquisite wood carvings are sprinkled throughout the valleys while the breathtaking Himalayas provide the world's most spectacular skyline. Mighty Mount Everest shadows Nepal with its majestic heights, rising over 29,000 feet into the clouds along the Tibetan border.

Tucked away in the mountains is the tiny village of Lumbini, the holy birthplace of Buddha, founder of one of the world's greatest religions. Born six centuries before Christ, Buddha taught his people to live in peace. His philosophy of compassion and nonviolence established him as the "Prince of Peace" and the "Light of Asia". (It is interesting to note that the 6th century B. C. was an important era in the history of religion. In addition to Buddha, two other great religious leaders, Confucius and Zoroaster, were also born in that century).

Ten million people live in this ancient and remote little country, landlocked by the modern day giants India and Communist China. Although it is a peace loving country, Nepal is known for its soldiers, the courageous Gurkhas. These highly trained nationals have fought for both Great Britain and India, and Gurkha forces earned heroic reputations in the last two world wars.

LIBERIA

1 DOLLAR – REVERSE

1 DOLLAR – OBVERSE

50 CENTS

25 CENTS

1 CENT

5 CENTS

10 CENTS

We have just been informed by the Liberian government that they are considering adding a new coin or coins to their 1973 proof set. It is very possible that the new coin(s) will be made of silver! Since plans have not yet been finalized, the government has not established an official issue price at this time, although it is expected that the additional coin(s) will necessitate an increase in the price of the 1973 set. As a Paramount customer, you will receive all details concerning the forthcoming 1973 Liberia proof set well in advance of the June 30, 1973 ordering deadline. We think this new set will be an exciting addition to your proof set collection.

The Liberia Proof Set series has been a very popular one since its beginning in 1968, and is second only to Panama as the longest continuing series in Paramount's World Proof Set Program. Part of the series' popularity is due to Liberia's close historical ties with the United States. Even the coins of the two countries are closely related having the same denominations and similar composition. Liberia's proof coins are also struck by the United States Mint!

The 1970 and 1971 Liberia proof sets, in particular, have been fine investments for their original purchasers. They have risen in value nearly 50% in just the few years since they were issued! The 1973 set with its proposed new silver coin(s) will undoubtedly be even more popular!

1973 Liberia Proof Set

ORDERS ARE NOT YET BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 1973 LIBERIA PROOF SET

SPECIFICATIONS, PRICE AND ORDERING PROCEDURES FOR THE 1973 SET WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1968	U. S. Mint	14,396
1969	U. S. Mint	5,158
1970	U. S. Mint	3,464
1971	U. S. Mint	3,032
1972	U. S. Mint	4,866

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: One Dollar Liberia = $1.00 U. S.
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: Price to be Announced (Limit: 5 sets per person)
ISSUE PACKAGING: Presentation Case
DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 1973

In 1822, a shipload of freed American slaves left the United States to seek a new life in Africa, the land of their ancestors. Sponsored by U. S. abolitionists who obtained the land for them, the first settlers chose the name Liberia for their new country, and told their story in their motto . . . "The Love of Liberty brought us here".

Only 25 years later, this fledgling country set up a government modeled after that of the United States, elected their first president and declared themselves independent. By that time, however, slavery had become a hotly contested issue back in the States. As a result, the United States withheld formal recognition of Liberia until after the Civil War, even though they had actually sponsored Liberia's original settlement!

The Liberian flag is evidence of Liberia's close ties with the United States . . . 11 red and white stripes with a white star on a blue field in the upper left corner. The stripes stand for the signers of Liberia's Declaration of Independence and the single star signifies that, at the time of the flag's adoption, Liberia was the only free Black state in Africa. Liberia has the distinction of being the oldest African democracy.

Although Liberia is close to the equator, most of the time the weather is quite pleasant. Exotic wildlife, much sunshine, beautiful tropical scenery, sandy beaches, cool and pleasant evenings . . . this is Liberia, a land of evergreen forests, vast mineral resources, and unlimited possibilities.

PANAMA

1 BALBOA — OBVERSE

1 BALBOA — REVERSE

50 CENTESIMOS

10 CENTESIMOS

1 CENTESIMO

25 CENTESIMOS

5 CENTESIMOS

Panama has the distinction of having the longest continuing (and the first) proof set series in Paramount's World Proof Set Program. Starting in 1966, Panama's program is, in fact, the third longest in the Western Hemisphere. . . only the United States and Canada have had proof programs of longer duration!

For a relatively young country, Panama has a rich numismatic history and its coins are among the most popular of all world coins. Panama's coins were first issued in 1904, the year after independence, although they were issued only sporadically until 1966. The Panama proof set is one of the three sets in Paramount's program that are struck at the U.S. Mint and, through the years, most of Panama's coins have been struck by the United States (on several occasions, however, Panamanian coins have been struck elsewhere, most notably at the Franklin and Mexico mints).

Balboa is pictured on all of Panama's coins except the one cent piece and is, in fact, so popular in Panama that the Panamanian equivalent of our dollar is called the "Balboa". Although a 16th century Indian chief, Urraca, appears on the one cent piece, Balboa's portrait has remained unchanged on the rest of Panama's coins since 1931.

The popular one balboa is again available singly for $7.50. One of the most popular and widely collected crowns in the world, it was issued in proof only as an integral part of the proof set until 1970, when it was first sold on an individual basis. Purchase of this popular crown is restricted to those persons ordering the 1973 Panama Proof set and a limit of two single Balboas may be purchased for each proof set ordered.

Due to great collector demand, the Republic of Panama has made arrangements to have its 1973 proof set packaged in a plush presentation case, for the first time!

1973 Panama Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 6

MINT: United States Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
1 Balboa	38 mm	Silver (.900 fine)
50 Centesimos	30.61 mm	Silver (.400 fine), clad
25 Centesimos	24.26 mm	Cupro-Nickel, clad
10 Centesimos	17.91 mm	Cupro-Nickel, clad
5 Centesimos	21 mm	Cupro-Nickel
1 Centesimo	19.05 mm	Bronze

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1966	U. S. Mint	12,701
1967	U. S. Mint	19,983
1968	U. S. Mint	23,210
1969	U. S. Mint	14,000
1970	U. S. Mint	9,528
1971	U. S. Mint	10,696
1972	U. S. Mint	13,322

INDIVIDUAL PROOF COINS:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1970 One Balboa	U. S. Mint	3,766
1971 One Balboa	U. S. Mint	6,863
1972 One Balboa	U. S. Mint	10,081

Above totals do not include those issued in the proof set.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: 1 Balboa = $1.00 U. S.

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $17.00 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)

ISSUE PACKAGING: Plush Presentation Case

1973 PANAMA PROOF BALBOA

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $7.50 U. S.
(Limit: 2 per each Proof Set ordered)

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

DEADLINE: JULY 31, 1973

Official Issue Price: $17 per set

THE 1973 SET IS PACKAGED IN A PLUSH PRESENTATION CASE

To the world, Panama is best known as the home of the Canal that bears its name. Although the possibility of building a canal across the isthmus of Panama was first considered as early as 1524, more than three centuries passed before the first actual attempt was made, an attempt that ended in failure. The French started the canal in 1880 under Ferdinand deLesseps, the builder of the Suez Canal, but after 20 years of struggle, disease and financial problems, they were forced to give up the project. When Panama gained independence from Colombia in 1903, Panama and the United States signed a treaty regarding the proposed canal. The following year, the United States purchased the French canal company's property for 40 million dollars and began to dig. . . 10 years later, on August 15, 1914, the S. S. Ancon became the first ship to move through the 31-mile canal. Although man was unable to find the much-hoped-for "Northwest Passage", he had succeeded in creating his own.

Panama, however, is much more than the Canal. Actually the Canal Zone is only 648 square miles of the total 28,757 square miles that make up the country of Panama. The country itself has many moods. . . untamed jungles surround sophisticated cities. . . ultra-modern buildings contrast with primitive villages.

Although Panama was discovered by Columbus in 1501, the Spanish explorer most closely associated with Panama is Balboa, the acknowledged discoverer of the Pacific Ocean.

The word "Panama" comes from the language of the Indians who originally inhabited it. The word is believed to mean "many fish" and is an accurate description of the area to this day, as Panama has some of the finest big game fishing in the world.

JAMAICA

1 DOLLAR

5 DOLLARS – OBVERSE

25 CENTS

20 CENTS

10 CENTS

1 CENT

5 CENTS

The 1973 Jamaica proof set features the sterling silver $5 coin with the popular profile view of Norman Manley that was first introduced last year. This beautiful $5 coin, available singly in proof for the first time in 1972, is again available to crown collectors in 1973 for just $12.75.

On the reverse of each coin in this exquisite set is Jamaica's coat-of-arms. A male and female Arawak Indian stand on either side of a shield that bears a red cross with five pineapples superimposed. On the top of the shield is a Jamaican crocodile. The Latin motto was changed in 1962 (the year of Jamaican independence) to the now-famous, "Out of many, one people", which is essentially the translation of our own "E Pluribus Unum"!

All Jamaica proof sets have been very popular and every issue from 1969 to 1971 is now selling for two or three times its original issue price!

Struck to the world famous quality standards of the Franklin Mint, the coins of the 1973 Jamaica proof set are extremely beautiful in design, bearing such detailed reproductions as the tiny Doctor Bird (a hummingbird that is found only in Jamaica) on the 25 cent coin. Like the Bahamas with its 15 cent piece, Jamaica also has one coin in its proof set that is a very unusual denomination. . . a twenty cent piece, the same denomination as a short-lived United States coin of nearly a century ago.

1973 Jamaica Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 7
MINT: Franklin Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
Five Dollars	45 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
One Dollar	38.61 mm	Cupro-Nickel
25 Cents	31.8 mm	Cupro-Nickel
20 Cents	28.5 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Cents	23.23 mm	Cupro-Nickel
5 Cents	19.1 mm	Cupro-Nickel
1 Cent	20.75 mm	Bronze

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1969	Royal Mint, London	8,530
1970	Franklin Mint	11,540
1971 (6-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	1,048
1971 (7-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	12,696
1972 (7-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	16,967

INDIVIDUAL PROOF COINS:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1970 One Dollar	Franklin Mint	2,401
1971 One Dollar	Franklin Mint	1,585
1972 Five Dollars	Franklin Mint	4,336

Above totals do not include those issued in the proof set.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: One Dollar Jamaica = $1.24 U. S.
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $27.50 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)
ISSUE PACKAGING: Plush Presentation Case

1973 JAMAICA PROOF FIVE DOLLARS
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $12.75 U. S.

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

NOTICE: Residents of Jamaica may order from the Bank of Jamaica at the official issue price.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 1973

Official Issue Price: $27.50 per set

When Columbus discovered Jamaica in 1494, he called the island St. Jago, but for once, the Indian name, Xaymaca, which means "land of wood and water", was the one that stuck. In the early days, the island was populated by the peaceful, easy-going Arawak Indians. Having only stone-age tools, they made no attempt to explore the beautiful, wooded interior but lived primarily in the coastal regions, relying on the sea for their livelihood.

A buccaneers' paradise under the English, Jamaica was for many years the hideout of many of the most notorious pirates of the 17th century. It was to Port Royal that they brought their booty of gold, silver and jewels which they had plundered from Spanish ships. . . and it was in Port Royal that they squandered their fortunes on rum and merry-making giving this thriving port the reputation of being the "richest and wickedest city in Christendom". The infamous pirate, Henry Morgan, pursued a life of pillage and plunder from Jamaican shores until 1673 when the English made him respectable by appointing him Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica. In 1692, four years after Morgan's death, most of Port Royal was plunged beneath the sea by a terrible earthquake in which more than 2,000 people were killed. One survivor, Lewis Galdy, became famous as a result of this earthquake. . . he was swallowed by the first shock, and thrown back, alive, by another!

In 1962, Jamaica achieved independence after more than 300 years as a British Crown Colony. The colors of the bold new flag represent the spirit of free Jamaica. . . green for bountiful growth, gold for the famous Jamaican sun and black for difficulties overcome and yet to be faced. The centuries-old coat-of-arms has remained untouched except for the motto which now reads, "Out of many, one people".

INDIA

10 RUPEE – REVERSE

1 RUPEE

25 PAISE

50 PAISE

10 PAISE

2 PAISE

5 PAISE

1 PAISA

3 PAISE

Although India's proof sets have been issued for just four years, this series is already known for its memorable coins. The 1969 proof set, India's first, commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, and so the set was designated a Gandhi Centenary Souvenir. Gandhi's portrait was used on the coins of this year only, making the 1969 proof set an eagerly sought collector's item. The 1970 and 1971 sets were also unique in that they both contained coins that were part of the United Nations Food For All Program. And finally, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of India's independence, the 1972 issue contained both a newly designed 10 rupee coin, and a new 25 paise denomination.

The new designs for India's 1973 proof set have not yet been released (the 1972 set is pictured) but the past history of the India proof set series indicates that the set will be another highly interesting one. In addition, the popular 10 rupee will again be available singly for just $7.50 per coin.

India's 1973 proof set is a product of almost 2,000 years of coinage history, a history that can be traced as far back as Alexander the Great, who lived more than 300 years before Christ! In fact, the Bombay Mint, where India's proof coins are struck, has been in operation since 1829 and is actually a modern descendent of the dozens of primitive minting facilities which were used throughout India's history. Like all of the sets in Paramount's World Proof Set Program, every one of India's past issues is in great demand. The 1971 set, in fact, is now virtually impossible to obtain, except at a substantial premium over the original issue price of just $15!

1973 India Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 9
MINT: Bombay Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
10 Rupee	39 mm	Silver (.500 fine)
1 Rupee	28 mm	Nickel
50 Paise	24 mm	Cupro-Nickel
25 Paise	19 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Paise	26 mm across scallops	Alum-Mag. Alloy
5 Paise	22 mm across corners	Alum-Mag. Alloy
3 Paise	21 mm across corners	Alum-Mag. Alloy
2 Paise	20 mm across scallops	Alum-Mag. Alloy
1 Paisa	17 mm across corners	Alum-Mag. Alloy

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1969	Bombay	9,147
1970	Bombay	3,046
1971	Bombay	4,375
1972	Bombay	7,895

INDIVIDUAL PROOF COINS:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1971 Ten Rupees	Bombay	1,594
1972 Ten Rupees	Bombay	3,655

Above totals do not include those issued in the proof set.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: 1 Rupee = $.13 U. S.
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $15.00 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)
ISSUE PACKAGING: Custom Plastic Holder

1973 INDIA PROOF 10 RUPEES
OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $7.50 U. S.

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

NOTE: Residents of India may order from the Bombay Mint at the official issue price.

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1973

Official Issue Price: $15 per set

India is one of the world's oldest countries, and as far back as 1500 B.C., had a highly developed civilization that included well-planned cities, wide roads, sanitary drainage, baths, granaries and burnt brick houses.

Second only to China in population, India's 600 million people represent approximately one seventh of the human race combined in a unique and dynamic racial mosaic. All religions enjoy full equality in India. Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Jews, followers of Zoroaster . . . all celebrate their festivals side by side in a spirit of religious harmony.

Many of the holidays are linked with the harvest and because agriculture is so important in India, every change of season is celebrated in song and dance.

India's climate is as varied as its people and the country spreads from the tropics to the magnificent snow-covered Himalayas. The annual monsoon brings rain, enough to change parched plains into lush, green forests.

A unique feature of India's tradition is that the past has always merged with the present to produce a rich synthesis of ideas, institutions and art forms . . . centuries old temple carvings are as beautiful as when they were first cut . . . pilgrims go where the Buddha preached his first sermon 2,500 years ago . . . and tourists now look down into the courtyard of the fortified palace where Emperor Akbar played chess with live pawns nearly 400 years ago.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

FIVE DOLLARS

ONE DOLLAR – OBVERSE

50 CENTS

25 CENTS

10 CENTS

1 CENT

5 CENTS

Trinidad and Tobago has one of the fastest growing and most popular series in Paramount's World Proof Set Program. Mintage figures have skyrocketed from only 2,104 sets in 1970 to 15,957 in 1972 (including both the 7 and 8 piece sets)!

In 1972, a special $10 coin was issued to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the islands' independence. Although the 1973 set will NOT CONTAIN this coin, it will feature the newly designed $1 coin that was first introduced last year *and* the popular $5 coin depicting the beautiful scarlet ibis. Due to tremendous collector demand, the $5 coin will again be available singly, in proof condition, for only $9 per coin. Like the coins of Jamaica and the Bahamas, the proof coins of Trinidad and Tobago are all struck at the Franklin Mint and have the exquisite frosted reliefs and mirror-like backgrounds for which this mint is famous.

All past issues of Trinidad and Tobago's proof sets are bringing substantial premiums over their original issue prices and this series contains the most popular and valuable set in Paramount's World Proof Set Program. . . the extremely rare 1971 6 piece set. Both 6 and 7 piece sets were offered to collectors in 1971; however, most collectors purchased only the 7 piece set and overlooked the smaller set. A modern day rarity was created, as only 488 6 piece sets were minted! As a result, this two-year-old-set already has auction records to $150. . . and private sales have even surpassed this figure!

1973 Trinidad-Tobago Proof Set

NUMBER OF COINS: 7

MINT: Franklin Mint

DENOM.	DIA.	COMPOSITION
Five Dollars	40 mm	Silver (.925 fine)
One Dollar	36 mm	Cupro-Nickel
50 Cents	26 mm	Cupro-Nickel
25 Cents	20 mm	Cupro-Nickel
10 Cents	16.28 mm	Cupro-Nickel
5 Cents	21.16 mm	Bronze
1 Cent	17.78 mm	Bronze

PREVIOUS PROOF SET ISSUES:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1970	Royal Mint, London	2,104
1971 (6-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	488
1971 (7-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	11,029
1972 (7-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	2,083
1972 (8-pcs.)	Franklin Mint	13,874

INDIVIDUAL PROOF COINS:

Year	Mint	Qty. Minted
1972 Five Dollars	Franklin Mint	3,414
1972 Ten Dollars	Franklin Mint	12,117

Above totals do not include those issued in the proof set.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE: 1 Dollar Trinidad = $.55 U. S.

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $22.00 U. S. (Limit: 5 sets per person)

ISSUE PACKAGING: Plush Presentation Case

1973 TRINIDAD-TOBAGO PROOF FIVE DOLLARS

OFFICIAL ISSUE PRICE: $9.00 U. S.

DELIVERY DATE: Delivery is expected to be made during the latter part of 1973.

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 1973

Official Issue Price: $22 per set

Although they are separated by 22 miles of ocean, the islands of Trinidad and Tobago form one independent state within the British Commonwealth.

Trinidad is the home of Afro-West Indian culture, that distinct blending of the old and the new that evolved when the black man brought thousands of years of African heritage to the newly discovered islands of the West Indies. It was here that the witch doctors first beat their voodoo chants on oil drums instead of hollow logs, giving rise to the famous rhythms of the West Indian steel bands. African tribal music emerged from Trinidad as the calypso, a melodic source of village gossip and lively entertainment. . . tribal dances merged into the limbo, a unique combination of movement and rhythm that is distinctly African, but uniquely West Indian.

Today, despite its lazy charm, Trinidad is the most industrialized and wealthiest island in the Caribbean. In addition to its agriculture and oil resources, it is the home of the one-hundred acre Pitch Lake, which provides asphalt for many of the world's highways.

Tobago is a simple island with natural beauty and an unsophisticated charm. Daniel Defoe supposedly used Tobago as the model for Robinson Crusoe's island. . . although Alexander Selkirk, the original "Crusoe", was actually marooned in the South Pacific. In reality, Tobago would have been a much more pleasant place for Crusoe's five-year exile as it has an extremely pleasant tropical climate with a long dry season. Tobago is that "island in the sun" that vacationers dream about!

THE AFTERMARKET

PAST ISSUES OF SELECT WORLD PROOF SETS

Selling

With all the interest in World Proof Coins that has been created by the new 1973 proof sets described in this catalog, it is not surprising that the market for past issues from the various countries has been extremely active as well. People buying their first set from a country usually end up wanting *all* the past issues of that country so that their collections will be complete. This demand for past issues has pushed the price of *every* World Proof Set beyond its original issue price! And yet we strongly feel that all of these sets are still much lower priced than what they soon will be.

Many people who passed up the sets they wanted just a few months ago must now pay considerably more for them. In some cases, the sets they wanted are no longer even readily available! So if you see a set listed that you need for your collection, don't delay any longer. And remember, now you can charge it to your BankAmericard or Master Charge account.

COUNTRY/YEAR	MINT	MINTAGE	PRICE
BAHAMAS			
1969	Royal Mint, London	10,481	$57.00
1970	Franklin Mint	22,827	57.00
1971	Franklin Mint	30,493	52.50
1972	Franklin Mint	34,789	47.50
INDIA			
1969	Bombay	9,147	27.50
1970	Bombay	3,046	25.00
1971	Bombay	4,375	WTD
JAMAICA			
1969	Royal Mint, London	8,530	40.00
1970	Franklin Mint	11,540	37.50
1971 6-pcs.	Franklin Mint	1,048	45.00
1971 7-pcs.	Franklin Mint	12,696	52.50
LIBERIA			
1968	U. S. Mint	14,396	17.50
1969	U. S. Mint	5,158	20.00
1970	U. S. Mint	3,464	21.00
1971	U. S. Mint	3,032	22.50
NEPAL			
1970	U. S. Mint	2,187	32.50
1971	U. S. Mint	2,380	16.00

COUNTRY/YEAR	MINT	MINTAGE	PRICE
PANAMA			
1966	U. S. Mint	12,701	45.00
1967	U. S. Mint	19,983	25.00
1968	U. S. Mint	23,210	19.00
1969	U. S. Mint	14,000	27.50
1970	U. S. Mint	9,528	37.50
1971	U. S. Mint	10,696	25.00
SUDAN			
1967	Khartoum	7,834	17.50
1968	Khartoum	5,251	19.00
1969	Khartoum	2,149	21.00
1970	Khartoum	1,646	22.00
1971	Khartoum	1,772	22.00
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO			
1970	Royal Mint, London	2,104	WTD*
1971 6-pcs.	Franklin Mint	488	WTD*
1971 7-pcs.	Franklin Mint	11,029	49.50
GREECE			
1965	Austrian Mint	4,987	26.50

*WTD = Wanted

Buying

We are sold out of many past issues of select world proof sets and yet the orders for them keep pouring in! Everyday we receive numerous phone calls and letters requesting the 1970 and 1971 Trinidad-Tobago sets or the 1971 India set but we are unable to fill a single order for them! And these are not the only sets that we desperately need and are anxious to buy. For unless we are able to buy all of the sets shown here, we will end up with many unfilled want lists and a corresponding number of unhappy customers. So if you have any of these sets that you would like to sell, please ship them to us at once. We will immediately send you our check by return mail.

COUNTRY	YEAR	PAYING PER SET
Bahamas	1970	$44.00
Bahamas	1971	42.50
Bahamas	1972	37.00
India	1969	20.00
India	1970	19.00
India	1971	18.00
Jamaica	1969	27.00
Jamaica	1970	25.00
Jamaica	1971 (6-pc.)	32.50
Jamaica	1971 (7-pc.)	40.00
Liberia	1969	17.00

COUNTRY	YEAR	PAYING PER SET
Liberia	1970	17.00
Nepal	1970	21.00
Panama	1966	30.00
Panama	1969	17.00
Panama	1970	25.00
Sudan	1969	17.00
Sudan	1970	17.00
Trinidad-Tobago	1970	27.00
Trinidad-Tobago	1971 (6-pc.)	100.00
Trinidad-Tobago	1971 (7-pc.)	35.00

The number of sets we have in stock of most past issues is decidedly limited. Therefore, all sets are offered subject to prior sale. However, we guarantee that we will buy and sell at the above prices until March 31, 1973 or until our supply is exhausted. After March 31, 1973, please write us for our latest listing of Select World Proof Sets for sale, and for our latest buying prices.

ORDER FORMS

OFFICIAL ORDER FORM

Acceptance of orders is contingent upon the Mint's ability to meet the demand. Should the number of orders exceed the ability of the mint to produce these coins within the required production deadline, it may be necessary to effect a reduction or cancellation of some orders received. In the event of such reduction or cancellation, a full refund will be made on any undelivered sets.

Qty.			
1	____	BAHAMAS, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets) . .	$35.00† ____
2	____	1973 Uncirculated Specimen $5 Coin	8.75** ____
3	____	1973 Uncirculated Specimen Set	23.75† ____
4	____	CAYMAN ISLANDS, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets)	$39.00† ____
5	____	1973 Proof Five Dollar Coin	12.75** ____
6	____	NEPAL, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets)	$10.00** ____
7	____	LIBERIA, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets) . . . . . Price to be Announced Later	____
8	____	PANAMA, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets) . . .	$17.00** ____
9	____	1973 Proof One Balboa (Limit: 2 per each proof set ordered)	7.50** ____
10	____	JAMAICA, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets) . . .	$27.50† ____
11	____	1973 Proof Five Dollar Coin	12.75** ____
12	____	INDIA, 1973 Proof Set (Limit: 5 sets)	$15.00** ____
13	____	1973 Proof Ten Rupee Coin	7.50** ____
14	____	TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, 1973 Proof Set, 7-pc. (Limit: 5 sets)	$22.00† ____
15	____	1973 Proof Five Dollar Coin	9.00** ____

Subtotal ____

Ohio Residents: Add 4½% Sales Tax to above Subtotal . . . . . ____

Handling Charges: $1.00 for each set marked † PLUS 50c for each item marked ** . . . . . ____

(Residents outside U.S. — $1.00 for each item ordered)

TOTAL ENCLOSED . . . . . .$ ____

(All prices above are in U.S. Funds)

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☐ Bill my Master Charge Account

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Address _____

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(Orders will be acknowledged within two weeks)

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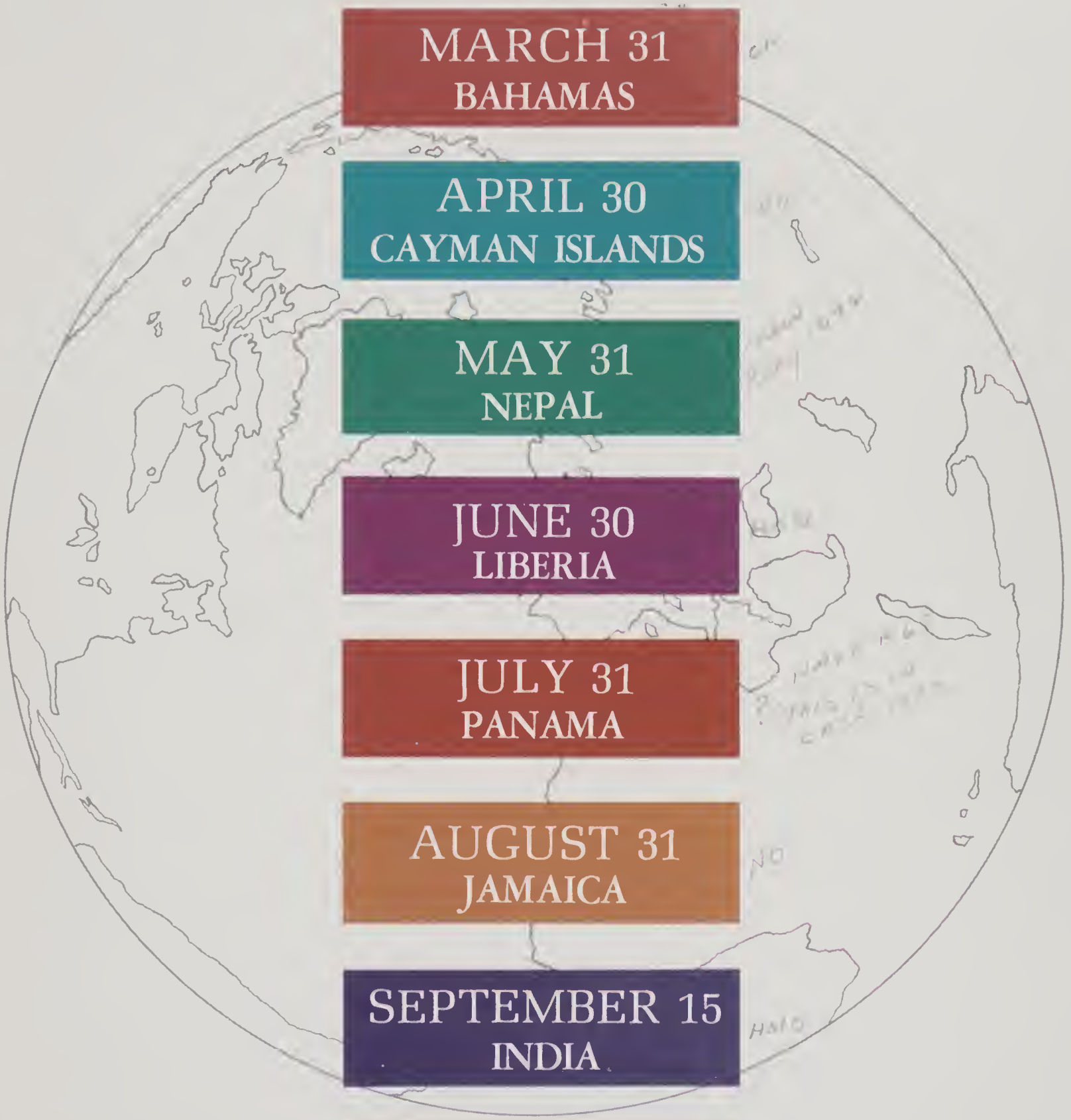
ORDERING DEADLINES



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TRINIDAD-TOBAGO

PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline dates noted here represent the final date by which orders may be submitted. The quantity of 1973 Proof Sets or individual Proof Coins to be minted is strictly limited to the number of orders submitted by the deadline. Orders received after the deadline date must be returned to the sender.

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